



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
June 13, 2022***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman William Stang, Police Chief Martin Willey, Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the May 9, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. No meeting to report.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell. Read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- Resolution 2022.06.13 – Resolution Approving the Pursuit of No Match Grant Funding from the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds Asset Management Plan Grant Program. Thomas Match, Delaware Rural Water Association will be present to answer any questions. – Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022.06.13 – Resolution Approving the Pursuit of No Match Grant Funding from the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds Asset Management Plan Grant Program; Seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Approved additional USDA-RD funding assistance – Mayor Robert Atkinson stated that the Town of Blades was provided and utilized USDA-RD grant funding for completion of a Water Facilities Plan that is assisting the Town with a path forward in regards to its water system. The Town’s engineer, Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. (DBF), completed this Plan of which USDA-RD has accepted. However, through the course of the project DBF, exceeded the original contract by \$158 as they were assisting the Town with completion of funding paperwork. Per USDA-RD requirements, the Town needs to vote to approve the \$158 of additional services from DBF, so the Town can be properly reimbursed for the Plan. Mayor Robert Atkinson requested that a Council member make a motion to approve the \$158 of additional services. Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. made a motion to approve the \$158 of additional services; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- Third Reading Resolution Change R4.11.2022.01 - Water Rates and Penalties. – Councilwoman Nancy McAdams made a motion to adopt Resolution Change R4.11.2022.01 - Water Rates and Penalties; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community

Mayor Atkinson addressed questions about Hardin Hall demolition. It was explained this has been a work in progress for over a year and was open for bids prior to signing a contract for demo/disposal. Citizen had concerns over potential drug dealing escalating in town limits. Chief Willey will reach out to follow up.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:02 pm.  
Exited Executive Session: 8:50 pm.



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- Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to give each employee a \$1,000 bonus (ARPA) and town employees a weekly \$20 cost of living raise, effective July 1, 2022; Seconded by William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to extend water across RT 13 to i.g. Burton and the Print Shack, Inc., extend the line an additional 500 ft., ending with a fire hydrant; Seconded by William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. motioned to adjourn the June 13, 2022, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Administrative Assistant